

site has already been covered with hot lava. GSI is in contact with Defence authorities for logistics support of Helicopters and ships to undertake further studies on the island after the improvement of weather conditions.

Volcanic activity is a natural phenomena and the outflow of volcanic lava and ash cannot be checked. However, the activity is being monitored using satellite data by Department of Space.

Seizure of Fake Currency Notes

5149. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of fake currency notes seized during the last three years;

(b) the number of criminal cases pending in courts in this regard and the number of persons convicted during these years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such crimes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The registration, detection and investigation of crimes, including those pertaining to fake currency notes are the responsibility of the State Governments. Information and statistics in this regard and also court cases are not compiled, co-ordinated and monitored on all India basis by the Central Government agencies.

(c) Since the registration, detection and investigation is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take steps to prevent such crimes.

Expert Group for New Traffic Pattern in New Delhi

5150. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to constitute an expert group to consider the new traffic circulation pattern being experimented in Connaught Place, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to remove irritants of the residents and traders of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The new traffic circulation pattern which has been adopted in Connaught Place by Delhi Traffic Police on experimental basis in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Committee, has been evolved by the Central Road Research Institute. There is no proposal at present to constitute another expert group.

[Translation]

Irrigation by Tehri Project

5151. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of the total area of land proposed to be irrigated by Tehri Dam project in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): As per the Project Report, Tehri Dam Project will provide additional annual irrigation of 2.7 lakh hectares in the existing command of Madhya Ganga Canal Stage-I,